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2002-2003 GRAND JURY PANEL SELECTED

The judges of the Superior Court unanimously nominated 30 Ventura County citizens (see attached list) to the panel from which the members of the 2002-2003 Grand Jury will be drawn. Exercising an option available under amended statutes, the judges have named among the 30-member panel, nine members of the 2001-2002 Grand Jury as "holdovers" to the 2002-2003 Grand Jury. The 19-member 2002-2003 Grand Jury will be drawn from this 30-member panel on July 1, and the 11 persons not drawn from the panel for immediate service will remain to be drawn as replacements should that become necessary during the 2002-2003 fiscal year. All 30 members of the panel will attend Grand Jury orientation and training sessions during mid-June.

In making judicial nominations to the panel, the court met the statutory requirement for population-proportionate representation of the county's five supervisorial districts. In addition, the court attempted to apportion the panel on the basis of gender, race, age and family income to the extent possible from among the applications and nominations received.

The 2002-2003 Grand Jury panel will be summoned to a special session of the Superior Court to be held in Courtroom 22 at 3:00 p.m. on Monday, July 1, 2002, at which time the names of those 19 persons who will serve as 2002-2003 Grand Jurors will be drawn.

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REPORT AND DISCHARGE OF THE 2001-2002 GRAND JURY; 2002-2003 GRAND JURY INSTALLATION

With the selection of the 2002-2003 Grand Jury, the work of the 2001-2002 Grand Jury draws to an end. The current Grand Jury's activities will be culminated with the official presentation of its report by Foreman Marvin Reeber to Superior Court Presiding Judge Bruce A. Clark. The ceremony (program attached) is scheduled for 3:00 p.m. on Monday, July 1, 2002, in Superior Court, Courtroom 22.

Following receipt of the report, the 2001-2002 Grand Jury will be formally discharged, and the 2002-2003 Grand Jury will be charged by Presiding Judge Clark. Members of the press, the public, and court-related county department heads are encouraged to attend this special ceremonial session of the court. Photographs will be permitted.

Copies of the 2001-2002 Grand Jury Report will be available to the press and public after the official presentation to the court. Copies may be obtained from Jury Services, (Room 113) in the Hall of Justice.